THE PURPOSE OF THIS PRESENTATION:

INFORM FACULTY OF THE INTRICATE PROCESS FOR TRANSFER
HIGHER EDUCATION IN CALIFORNIA

112 Community Colleges
23 California State Universities
10 University of California Campuses
80+ Private Colleges/Universities (AICCU)
MISSION of the CAL STATE System

1. Provide Public Education
   • 82% funded by the state

2. Affordable Education
   • Approximately $7,000

3. Focus on Undergraduate Education

4. Prepare future teachers for the state of California
MISSION of the UC System

1. Provide Public Education
   67% funded by the state

2. Affordable Tuition
   Approximately $14,000
   Fees vary according to institution
   Other fees including room and board not included

3. Involvement in Research

4. Focus on advanced degrees:
   Master’s, doctorate, and professional
   (JD, DDS, MD etc...)
MISSION of the PRIVATE Institutions

1. All Different -- not governed by one entity.

2. Mission Differ -- by Campus

3. No Funding -- from State of California

4. Tuition Ranges -- from $20,000-$50,000+
California State University

- Humboldt State University
- Sonoma State University
- California State University, Hayward
- San Francisco State University
- San Jose State University
- California State University, Monterey Bay
- California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
- California State University, Northridge
- California State University, Channel Islands
- California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
- California State University, Los Angeles
- California State University, Dominguez Hills
- California State University, Office of the Chancellor
- San Diego State University
- California State University, Chico
- California State University, Sacramento
- California Maritime Academy
- California State University, Stanislaus
- California State University, Fresno
- California State University, Bakersfield
- California State University, San Bernardino
- California State University, Fullerton
- California State University, Long Beach
- California State University, San Marcos
MINIMUM CSU ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. UNIT: 60-70 SEM. TRANSFER UNITS (90-105 QTR.)
2. GPA: 2.00
3. SUBJECT: “GOLDEN 4” COURSE REQUIREMENT

- Oral Communication:
  Area A-1 of CSU GE or Area 1c of IGETC
- Written Communication:
  Area A2 of CSU GE or 1a of IGETC
- Critical Thinking:
  Area A3 of CSU Gen Ed or Area 1b of IGETC.
- Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning:
  Area B-4 of CSU GE or Area 2 of IGETC.
  plus
  18 units of additional General Education courses.

**MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS DO NOT GUARANTEE ADMISSION. PLEASE REFER TO SELECTION CRITERIA BELOW:**
Minimum admission requirements do not guarantee admission to the campus or major of your choice. Some campuses or majors are impacted – where they receive more applicants than they can accommodate and therefore they must “select” from the eligible pool of students.

The following criteria is listed in the order of priority and is used for selection and admission of students into their chosen campus or field of study:

1. **Service Area**: California Community College transfers are given priority by their local CSU campus
2. **Supplemental Application**: Request for additional information regarding academic and major preparation, and possible extra-curricular activities
3. **ADT or AAT/AST**: Completion of an approved transfer program that guarantees an Associate’s Degree for California Community College students which provides special consideration for admission to the CSU system.
4. **Higher GPA**: A more competitive GPA will demonstrate ability for higher academic achievement.
5. **General Education**: Completion and Certification of CSU General Education or IGETC pattern.
1. A pattern of lower division courses designed and often recommended for California Community College transfer students to complete as part of the 60 unit requirement for admission and for advancement to upper division level to one of the 23 CSU campuses.

2. Some out-of-state universities may accept the CSU General Education pattern. Check with individual institution for approved pattern.

RCC can certify lower division general education for transfer – be sure to request “certification” on your transcript request form prior to transfer!

See the yellow sheet: CSU General Ed Requirements.
MINIMUM UC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Units: Complete 60-70 semester (90-105 quarter) transfer units (maximum 14 units of pass/no pass grades allowed)

2. GPA: 2.40

3. Subject: Course Requirements (must complete with “C” or better grades)

   A. English 1A, English 1B: area Ia and Ib of IGETC
   B. One transferable college math course: area II of IGETC
   C. Four transferable college courses chosen from at least two of the following disciplines: Arts and humanities, social and behavioral sciences, and physical and biological sciences: from areas III, IV, or V of IGETC

** Minimum requirements do not guarantee admission. Also, completion of IGETC is not an admission requirement. Please refer the “Selection Criteria” below.**
Minimum admission requirements do not guarantee admission to the campus or major of your choice. Some campuses/majors are impacted – where they receive more applicants than they can accommodate and therefore they must “select” from the eligible pool of students through a Comprehensive Review.

The following criteria is part of the Comprehensive Review and lists in order of priority what is used for the selection and admission of students into their chosen campus or field of study:

1. **Major Preparation** – Completion of Lower Division coursework for intended major.
2. **Higher GPA** – A more competitive gpa will demonstrate ability for higher academic achievement.
3. **Personal Statement/Essay and Application** – Additional information to provide a more accurate picture of the student, e.g. extra-curricular activities, well defined goals, accomplishments, aspirations, challenges, etc...
4. **General Education** - Breadth Requirements or completion and certification of IGETC pattern. IGETC may not be approved by particular fields of study; check ASSIST.org for approved or required general education.
Comprehensive Review Factors for Transfer Applicants

- Transfer Selection is by Campus.

- Each UC campus designs and evaluates its own method considered in the Comprehensive review.

- For the most current information on how each campus selects its transfer students, visit the UC website.
It is very important for students to complete lower division courses that will prepare them for their major!

Completion of lower division major requirements before transfer can help students advance toward their upper division major and ultimately toward graduation from the university in a more timely manner.

*RCC has articulation agreements with many Universities – see a counselor for a Student Education Plan (SEP) during your first semester at RCC!*
UC Personal Statement

- Two prompts specifically required for transfer students. Responses to the two prompts must be a maximum of 1,000 words total.

1. What is your intended major? Discuss how your interests in the subject developed. Describe any experience you have had in the field – such as volunteer work, internships and employment, participation in student organizations and activities – and what you have gained from your involvement.

2. Tell us about a personal quality, talent, accomplishment, contribution or experience that is important to you. What about this quality or accomplishment makes you proud and how does it relate to the person you are?
IGETC - Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum

1. A lower division general education pattern designed and recommended for California Community College students to complete as part of the 60 unit requirement, primarily for UC but also approved for CSU transfers. Some UC campuses do not recommend or approve of it for high unit majors. Major preparation is sometimes more important than completion of IGETC.

2. Completion of IGETC is not an admission requirement; it is highly recommended for completion but some UC’s do not approve of it for some majors. It may occasionally be used as a selection criteria for other majors. Please refer to ASSIST.org for applicability.

3. Undecided transfer students are recommended to follow IGETC since it is a general education pattern approved by UC and CSU. Students are cautioned regarding IGETC exemptions.

4. Accepted by many private and out-of-state institutions – check with individual campuses for acceptance.

RCC can certify your lower division general education for transfer – be sure to request certification on your transcript prior to transfer!

See the blue sheet: IGETC General Ed Requirements.
The transfer process is ongoing!
It begins the moment students submit an application to RCC!!!

1. Students should see a counselor during first semester to clarify goals and to determine if transfer is necessary. Students are encouraged to:
2. See a counselor during the first semester to develop a Student Educational Plan for transfer.
3. Visit the Transfer Center and learn about the resources and programs in place.
4. Research the schools you may be interested in attending and go on some tours/visits to those campuses.
5. Go online to CSU Mentor and University of California website to learn about the application deadlines, procedures and timelines.
6. Make appointments with University Representative in the Transfer Center, attend the Transfer Fairs, participate in the workshops – a calendar of events is published each month through the Counseling/transfer center.
FALL APPLICATION TIMELINES

- **CSU**  
  OCTOBER 1 - NOVEMBER 30

- **UC**  
  NOVEMBER 1-30

- **PRIVATE**  
  ROLLING BASIS

Winter and Spring Applications depend on budget/enrollment availability factors.
Common Myths about Transferring

1. **You need an Associate Degree to Transfer**
   - An Associate Degree has competencies, general education, and area of emphasis requirements different than university requirements and therefore will not be a requirement for admission to CSU, UC, many private and out-of-state colleges/universities.

2. **You must complete IGETC or CSU general education pattern for admission to CSU or UC**
   - IGETC or CSU general education is not required for admission, but may or may not be used for the “selection” criteria.

3. **You must complete an ADT for transfer to CSU**
   - An ADT will give students greater consideration for admission to CSU but it does not guarantee it to their first choice campus
   - Most students admitted to CSU have not completed an ADT. The ADT are for a limited, approved majors only.
Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) to CSU

The ADT will provide guarantee admission to CSU and students will be able to graduate with an Associate Degree upon completion of specific courses for approved majors.

ADT REQUIREMENTS:
1. Must complete minimum transfer requirements
2. Must complete requirements for approved major
3. Must complete CSU general education or IGETC (and apply for certification)
4. Must indicate expected completion of “ADT” on the CSU application
5. Must file application for graduation with RCC for ADT completion
Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) to CSU

**BENEFITS OF ADT:**
1. Guaranteed admission to CSU (but not necessarily to first choice campus)
2. Guaranteed Associate Degree for Transfer without completing traditional AA/AS requirements
3. Greater consideration for admission to CSU campuses that offer similar approved major
4. Greater consideration for admission if student comes from outside service area compared to those without ADT
5. CSU will consider a slightly lower GPA for admission consideration, particularly for impacted campuses or majors.
6. Students will be given priority for classes at the CSU to graduate with a Bachelor’s Degree within two years (60 units) after transfer.
Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) to CSU

When to Recommend an ADT?

1. For students with an interest in one of the approved majors.  (Check the current list of approved majors at RCC website)

2. For students who are interested in transferring to CSU only. (UC and private institutions do not guarantee admission to students with an ADT)

1. For students who plan to attend any of the CSU campuses offering an approved similar major.  (Not all CSU campuses offer an approved or similar major – refer to ADT website)

Counseling faculty will help students explore their interests and options to determine if the ADT is appropriate toward their educational goals.
TAP is a student planner tool available in the UC website particularly for CCC students who want to transfer to any campus within the University of California System and is used for a future and seamless transfer process.

TAP is Recommended for the Following:

- Students to *track and plan course work* at RCC/CCC for every term leading toward UC transfer eligibility.
- Students seeking a *Transfer Admission Guarantee* (TAG) must complete TAP
- Students who would like to have *communication with UC staff* regarding their progress toward admission.
- Students who want to receive important *UC information for prospective students*. 
Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

7 of 10 University of California (UC) campuses offer Guaranteed Transfer Admission to students from all California Community Colleges

Interested Students:

• Must meet campus-specific requirements as noted on UC website/TAG Matrix
• Are ensured admission to a specific UC
• Receive early review of their academic record and early admission
• Check the UC TAG Matrix for campuses approving TAG
• Meet with a CCC counselor early to determine appropriate SEP and path toward TAG
Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

To pursue a TAG, students must:

• Prepare ahead by completing the UC TAP form. TAP information will seamlessly transfer into the TAG form.
• Complete the online UC TAG application and submit it during the appropriate filing period – September 2015 for Fall 2016 admission.
• Fulfill remaining coursework and GPA requirements designated in your TAG agreement.
• Follow regular admission application procedures to UC. Submit the application for to UC November 1-30 of the preceding year for the following Fall term admission. Students will receive an “early notification” of admission upon completing TAG and application processes.

Students are strongly encouraged to consult with their community college counselor prior to completing/submitting the TAG application.
Use Assist to:

- Identify *lower division major requirements* needed prior to transfer to the CSU or UC of Choice.

- Identify *minimum course and GPA requirements for selective majors* at the various UC campuses

- *Explore Majors* - Search for availability of majors at each CSU and UC campuses.

- Research the most up-to-date *course to course articulation*

- Identify *appropriate general education patterns* – (i.e. UCR Natural and Agricultural Science for the various science majors)

[www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)
CSU Mentor is a resource of information for students who are interested in admission to the Cal State System. It is designed to provide:

- General information about the CSU system
- Majors/programs information offered at each CSU campus
- Admissions requirements
- Application process
- Access to application for admission
- Application deadlines and status reports
- Answers to frequently asked questions.

www.csumentor.edu
A Great, free online resource and valuable tool designed to provide students with information regarding:

- Transfer
- Admission Requirements
- Major preparation paths
- Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)
- Transfer Admission Planner (TAP)
- How applications are reviewed
- Personal Statement Information

www.universityofcalifornia.edu
AICCU is the voice of private nonprofit higher education in California. Seventy-three percent of all institutions eligible for membership belong to AICCU. With a total annual enrollment in excess of 320,000 undergraduate and graduate students, AICCU provides private nonprofit perspective on higher education in California and nationally.

AICCU member institutions are bound by a common commitment to quality instruction and dedicated to collaborative efforts that strengthen the private nonprofit sector of higher education in California.

Some local AICCU member colleges include:

Cal Lutheran, Azusa Pacific University, Biola, Brandman University, Cal Baptist University, Cal Tech, Chapman University, Claremont Colleges, La Sierra University, Loma Linda University, National University, University of LaVerne, Pepperdine University, University of Redlands, University of Southern California, partial list.
OUT OF STATE COLLEGES

When interested in transferring to an out-of-state college/university, students need to research or inquire about the following:

1. Minimum Transfer requirements for admission
2. Lower Division Major requirements
3. General Education requirements.

In addition you might want to:
- Research online
- Plan Campus Visit/Tour
- Utilize resources in the Transfer Center to research different schools.

Some out-of-state schools accept IGETC or the CSU GE pattern. We encourage you to contact them for approval and possible reciprocity for certification of general ed.
Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

www.wiche.edu/wue

Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, Western Undergraduate Exchange This program is an option for California students interested in transferring to a four-year university out-of-state.

WICHE's student exchange programs offer a broad range of higher education options for some 36,000 students each year at undergraduate, graduate, and professional levels.

Residents of WICHE states can gain affordable access to programs, states avoid costly and unnecessary duplication of programs and facilities, and colleges and universities can devote their resources to improving the quality of their educational offerings.


Visit the website to search for the four-year university and major of choice available at a neighboring state, many out of state institutions are not impacted.
HELPFUL WEBSITES TO RESEARCH COLLEGES

www.eureka.org

EUREKA ONLINE - To assist students explore majors and careers

Students must have an email address to access Eureka! Find detailed information about Colleges and Universities in the United States and abroad. Select a state or country for schools from the lists below. To find schools in more than one state or country at a time, use the Colleges/Universities Filter.

Site ID: J1AVQMK
Log in Name: You create
Password: You create

www.collegesource.org

A great website to check for regional accreditation and profit/nonprofit status.

www.californiacolleges.edu

This matching tool contains more than 200 public and private universities throughout California. You have the option to filter by size, location, cost, major and more. A great resource when determining which college is best for you.
Transfer Center Resources

Please visit the Transfer Center in Cesar Chavez Building to take advantage of the following services:

- Make individual appointments with University Representatives

- Attend a variety of workshops regarding transfer: Help with the Application and Personal Statement, Transfer Requirements, The Athlete and Transfer, etc.

- Utilize various computer applications: Assist, UC Pathways, and CSU Mentor

- Utilize a variety of resources and materials that are designed to help you achieve your transfer goal.

Stop by the Transfer Center to check it out for yourself!
We Need Your Expertise!!!

**HOW CAN FACULTY ADVISORS ASSIST IN THE TRANSFER PROCESS?**

We have touched on the processes that *Counseling Faculty* take into consideration when providing guidance and developing Student Educational Plans for transfer students. We value the expertise of *faculty from other disciplines* and encourage your participation in the following areas that may enhance the transfer process for our students:

- Assist students within the expertise of your discipline including information about career possibilities
- Encourage engagement, participation and involvement in the field interest.
- Inform students on internships and scholarship opportunities
- Assist students in course sequence
- Focus on students within ADT area.
- Referrals to RCC resources including counseling for SEP and transfer options.
- Provide workshops on career paths within discipline.
- Support students through application and scholarship processes including letters of recommendation and personal essay.